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PROCLAMATION

Sunday, February 17, is proclaimed clean-up day at Canyon Ranch. All males, willing and able, from Golden Gate and Marin Audubon societies are summoned to appear at 10 A. M., to dig, cut, chop, lug, load, rake, and burn.

Bring own tools, food, wives, children, friends, Boy Scouts, warm clothing and binoculars. Free coffee will be served.

—AILEEN PIERSON, *President*

AUDUBON WESTERN CONFERENCE

Get your reservations in NOW for the Western Conference to be held at Asilomar, April 6 - 9, 1963. A card sent today to *Audubon Western Conference*, 2426 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 4, California, will bring by return mail the full program and registration form. Join your friends at Asilomar at a conference entitled "OUR LIVING HERITAGE—GOING WHERE?"

THIRD NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY SALON

Members of Golden Gate Audubon Society are invited to submit photographs for selection for display at the Audubon Western Conference, Asilomar, April 6 - 9. Our society is invited to submit *three* photographs in each of *five* categories. Entries should be sent to *Mrs. Kathleen Hoover*, 4488 Reinhardt Drive, Oakland, Phone: AN 1-3313, by February 15.

Condition of entry: A. Black and White (monochrome) Prints ONLY. Prints must be at least 5" x 7" (preferably larger) and mounted on cardboard backing to facilitate display. The usual salon board is suggested. B. Pictures of plants and animal life must depict native species ONLY. C. The *five* categories to be presented are:

1. PLANT LIFE
2. BIRD LIFE
3. VERTEBRATE LIFE (other than birds)
4. INVERTEBRATE LIFE (insects, spiders, marine life, etc.)
5. HABITAT SCENES, PHYSIOGRAPHIC LAND FORMS,
OTHER EARTH SCIENCE SUBJECTS.

Pictures will be judged primarily on photographic excellence, pictorial excellence, and scientific significance in natural history or conservation.

IN MEMORIAM

*Gifts of Remembrance to the Sanctuary & Memorial Fund**In Memory of*

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FIELD TRIP TO CRYSTAL SPRINGS RESERVOIR

San Andreas & Crystal Springs Reservoir, December 9th—A large turn-out of members and friends spent a very foggy morning looking for birds which were conspicuous by their absence. After the fog lifted, at 11 A. M., our hopes raised, but not the number of birds. This trip tended to prove that birds are scarcer at present than they have been since I came to California in 1949. Let us hope this is only a passing phase of short duration and not a definite trend—Carlyle Sather, *Leader & Historian*.

Field Observation—A male Western Tanager has been wintering in my backyard in Stockton during December and early January. A female tanager was observed with him in December . . . He comes to the feeder regularly. Grinnell and Miller mention a few winter records at Santa Barbara and San Diego, but the usual winter range is farther south.—Verna Johnston.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to our Society: from Castro Valley, Mrs. S. B. Bowman; from Berkeley, Mrs. W. M. Dickie, Mr. Ralph D. Eskin, Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Muneke, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Scheffer, Mrs. James H. Wells; from Oakland, Mr. Ralph Coffey, Mr. Donald Isaacs, Mrs. Robert M. Morton, Mr. Robert Prescott; from San Francisco, Mrs. Herbert A. Reese, Miss Annette Windele; from San Leandro, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley J. Marx.

—VALERIA G. DaCOSTA, *Membership Chairman*

FEBRUARY MEETING

The 536th regular meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held on Thursday, February 14, at 7:30 P. M., in the Rotary Natural Science Center in Lakeside Park, Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Adamson, who have recently returned from a trip to Mexico, will present an illustrated lecture on *Mexican West Coast Birding*. Mr. Adamson is a nationally recognized artist of bird life, as well as a very fine ornithologist. He and his wife are members of our society and from time to time he has led field trips and presented programs for our group. Be sure to attend this coming event.

A no-host dinner preceding the meeting will be held at Lovely's Buffet on Grand Avenue, near Perkins, at 6:00 P. M. Everyone is welcome.

—MYRA BROWNE, *Program Chairman*

FIELD TRIPS FOR FEBRUARY

On Sunday, February 3, to Richardson Bay and other Marin Peninsula points. See January Gull for more detailed information. Meet at parking area just north of the Richardson Bay Bridge on U. S. Highway 101, at 9 a. m. Leader, Elizabeth Lennon, ED 2-1641.

On Saturday, February 9, to Thornton and areas west of Lodi. The main feature of this trip is the spectacular views of Sandhill Cranes. In addition, ducks, geese, Gallinule and White-tailed Kite may be seen on farmlands and adjacent ponds. A side trip to Courtland to view Long-eared Owls will be made if the owls cooperate. Meet at 9:30 a.m., in the town of Thornton, which is reached by turning south from Walnut Grove on the Sacramento River Road, Route 24. Allow 2 1-2 hours driving time from the bay area. The distance to Thornton is about 80 miles. Bring binoculars, telescopes, warm clothing, lunch and interested friends. Leader, Harold G. Peterson, LO 8-7534. On Sunday, February 10, the trip will be repeated. Leader, Phil Smith, LO 9-9451.

On Tuesday, February 19, to Lake Merritt. This is a good place to observe many species of water birds at close range. Some unusual birds may also be seen in the pens and on display in the dome. A visit to the Rotary Natural Science Center is interesting and educational. Meet at the Rotary Natural Science Center near the feeding area, at 9:30 a. m. Bring lunch, warm clothing binoculars, telescopes and interested friends. Leader, Paul Covell, KE 6-4120.

PROPOSED TRIPS FOR YOUR LONG-RANGE PLANNING:

Sat., & Sun., May 25-26 to Yosemite National Park overnight.

Thursday through Sunday, May 30—June 2, to Southern California for Condors. A visit to Squaw Flat in the Sespe Wildlife Area in the Los Padres National Forest is being planned to view Condors and other birds found in this southern habitat.

Thursday through Sunday, July 4-7 to Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge and Upper and Lower Klamath Lakes. These are close to highway U. S. 97 at the California-Oregon border. Purpose of this trip is to see nesting water fowl and other birds found in this region.

See future issues of the Gull for more details.

—HAROLD G. PETERSON, *Field Trips Chairman*

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